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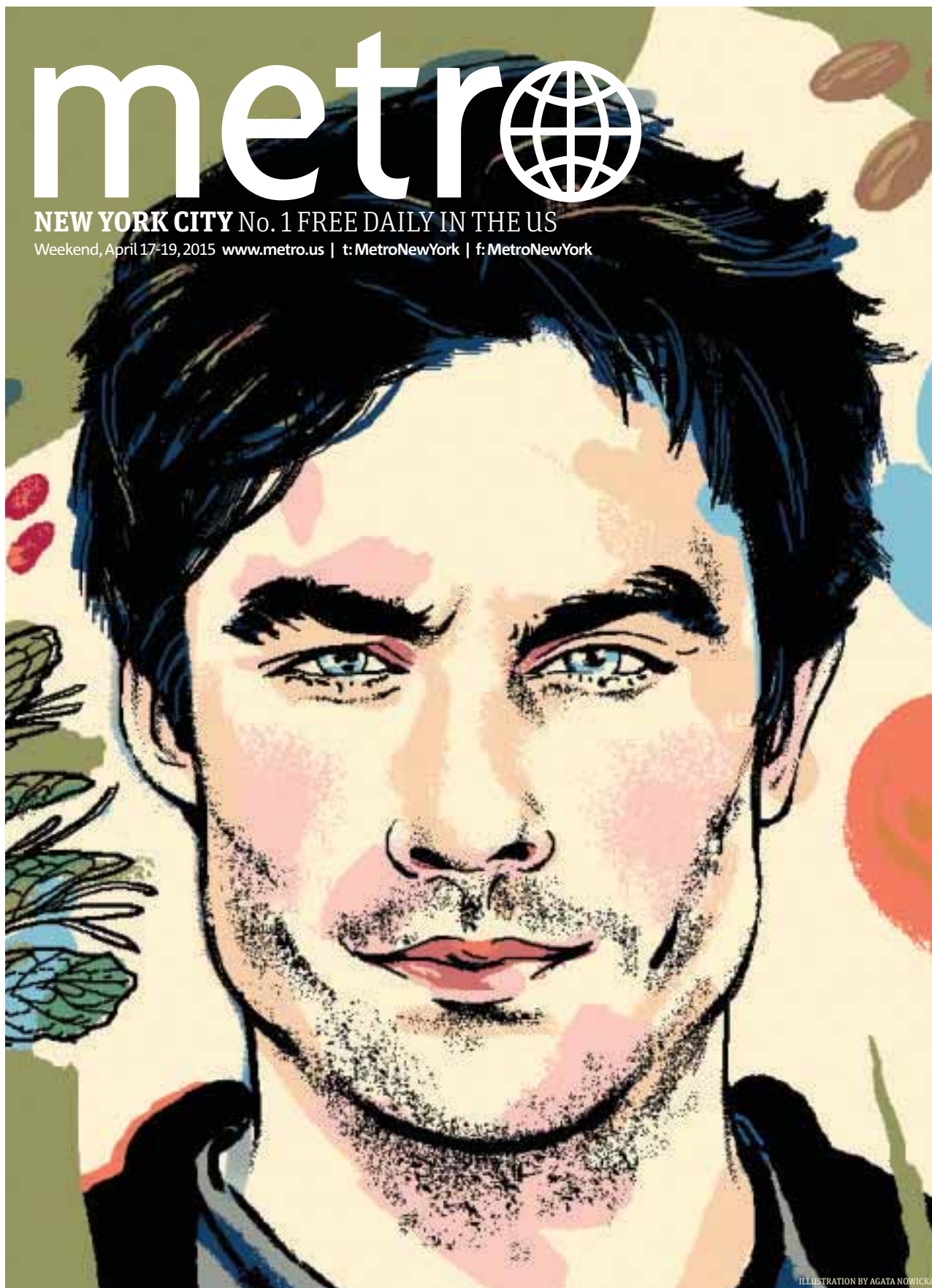


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## PROTECT THE EARTH

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# 1 NEWS

## Going green

### *Metro celebrates Earth Day*

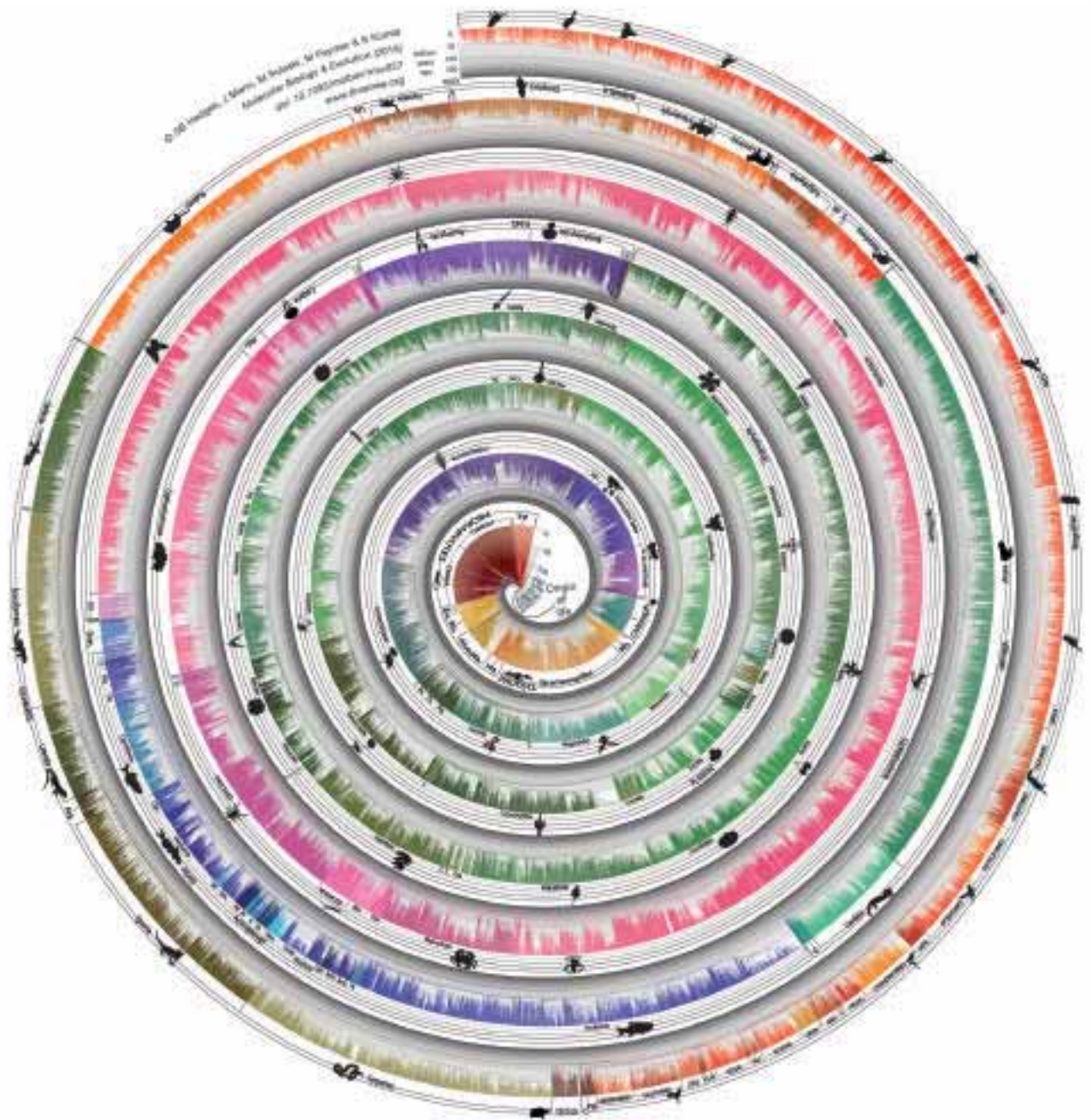
Here at Metro, it's not just our logo that's green. We care deeply about the environment and would never pass up a chance to write about it and promote innovative green ideas from forward-thinking people. That's why we invited celebrities like Ian Somerhalder, Bill Nye and Adrian Grenier to weigh in on the environmental issues that matter most. Most of us will never become eco-ninjas, but we can commit to at least one good thing a day. To quote Dr. Seuss from "The Lorax": "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." Please enjoy our Green Metro.

Aleksander Korab,  
Editor-in-Chief

## Ian says ...



Right now we are at the tipping point. We are all in this together. Our actions today affect our tomorrow, and if we're going to make a change we have to build an educated, compassionate, reverent and grateful next generation. Our youth is the greatest untapped natural resource in our world. We should give them the tools to make a difference.



# TimeTree a 'tapestry of life'

**Exclusive.** Two researchers claim to have proven that biodiversity increases at a steady rate, but is anything guaranteed on Earth today?

Trace the evolution of 50,000 species over four billion years and you get the TimeTree of Life.

This computational informatic, assembled by Temple University profes-

sors using data from more than 2,000 studies, illustrates the grandeur of the evolution of life in a series of interlinked evolutionary trees that are mapped over time.

"People want to be able to see this tapestry of life," said Sudhir Kumar, director of Temple's Institute for Genomics and Evolutionary Medicine and member of the research team. "Data visualization is a really important part of the big data revolution."

Scientifically, the TimeTree proves that the rate of speciation, or development of new species, is constant throughout all of life, ac-

cording to S. Blair Hedges, another team member and director of Temple's Center for Biodiversity.

While it's a long time to wait for a new type of dog, new species of microorganisms and lizards have been documented, Kumar said. But ultimately, the ongoing diversification of life is still unpredictable given ongoing changes to the environment and world at large.

"What one cannot say is what species will become more diverse and which groups will not," Kumar said. "The overall diversity of life on Earth will keep increasing, but which groups of animals and plants will

go extinct?"

According to environmentalists at the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), half of the world's wildlife has been lost in the past 40 years, in terms of overall animal populations. This loss has been caused by problems like climate change, overexploitation of natural resources and habitat loss.

Subsequently, many species are now nearing the edge of extinction, such as the Javan rhino (an estimated 35 remain), African forest elephants (who saw 60 percent of their population extinguished from 2002 to 2013 and could go extinct

within a decade) and the vaquita, the world's smallest porpoise and the rarest marine mammal in the world (fewer than 100 currently remain).

"Even if diversification rates have been constant over evolutionary time scales, rates of species loss have spiked during mass extinction events that reduced global diversity," said Jon Hoekstra, vice president and chief scientist of WWF. "Evidence today points to being in the sixth such event."



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**NYPD**

### Same gunman wanted in East Side and UWS stickups

One gunman is wanted for two separate store stickups — one on the East Side and the other on the Upper West Side.

**Incident No. 1 (24th Precinct):** On Thursday, April 9, at 8:35 p.m., inside of A and M Candy Store located at 614 Amsterdam Avenue, the suspect pulled to guns, demanded money from a 57-year-old victim, but fled without taking anything.

**Incident No. 2 (19th Precinct):** On Friday, April 10, 2015, at 9:45 p.m. inside of a Dunkin' Donuts at 411 East 70th Street, the same man entered the store, pointed a gun at a 31-year-old store clerk and made off with \$250. **METRO**

## State. Top GOp Skelos in fed probe

In a town still reeling from former Democratic Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver's fall from grace, the feds have taken aim at another of Albany's Brahmins: top Republican Dean Skelos.

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said "stay tuned" after indicting Silver in January. And now we know who may be next on his hit list.

Skelos, the powerful president of the New York State Senate and, like Silver, a longtime Albany power broker, is under the microscope, The New York Times reported in Thursday's newspaper.

A grand jury is examining evidence in a possible case against Skelos, 67, and his son, Adam Skelos, 32, according to The Times.

Specifically, the feds are looking at the younger Skelos' business dealings and his hiring by an Arizona company that won a local government contract in New York, although it



State Sen. Dean Skelos  
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was not the low bidder.

A \$20,000 signing bonus from a title insurance company that never employed him is also part of the probe.

Bharara's office wants to know whether the elder Skelos, of Rockville Centre, Long Island, used his sway to help AbTech Industries score a \$12 million sewer treatment contract from his home county of Nassau. Neither father nor son have commented.

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## Fraud

## Fake Bronx dentist arrested

A woman who botched dental procedures is facing felony assault and other charges after investigators found out she was not a licensed doctor.

Valbona Yzeiraj, 45, worked as an office manager at Dr. Jeffrey Schoengold's office at 3800 Independent Avenue, according to Bronx DA Robert Johnson.

"Dr. Val" claimed to have received medical training in her native Albania, but is not licensed to practice medicine in the U.S. Yzeiraj pleaded not guilty to the charges.

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Valbona Yzeiraj / PROVIDED

# Weed activist says NBC show is ripping off his character

**Outraged.** A marijuana advocate is speaking out about what he believes to be the theft of his intellectual property.

When new NBC show "American Odyssey" debuted earlier this month, Harrison Schultz's phone started buzzing.

Schultz, 32, a marijuana activist, is the co-founder of Occupy Weed Street and Occupy the Need Act. Back in 2011, he was an organizer with Occupy Wall Street and gave interviews to Fox News and other outlets on the dangers of capitalism.

Friends and family



Harrison Schultz of Occupy Weed Street spoke to Metro in his home. / BESS ADLER, METRO

## Quoted

"It's my face, personality, mannerism. My creative talent is driving the show. What we're doing is far more socially important than what they're doing. It's dehumanizing. ... I look at his face and I feel violated."

Schultz

wanted to know if he was on the show or if he knew how much the main characters, Harrison Walters, played by Jake Robinson, looked like him. Schultz thinks NBC is capitalizing on his own story for their financial gain.

"After the first episode people started contacting me, saying, 'Dude, it's you! It's you!'" Schultz said. "Some of the things are true — dead on — but other things have already done damage to my professional career."

They share a first name and style of facial hair, but for Schultz, one of the other striking resemblances was the character's opening lines. "Thanks for coming down here to talk to us dirty hippies," Walters tells a television reporter.

Schultz, who gave numerous interviews

during the 2011 Occupy Wall Street protests, told a Fox Business reporter: "Thanks for letting a dirty hippie into your building and on your show." He also started a segment with Sean Hannity by saying: "Let me start by saying, thank you for letting a dirty hippie come in and explain his views."

Schultz is currently looking for a lawyer who can take on his case pro bono or at a low cost. A Ph.D. student, Schultz said he has more than \$600,000 in student debt and is being evicted from his Brooklyn apartment next month.

Schultz isn't looking for money — just for NBC to give him equal time to make the demands of a "real activist" known.



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### Weekend Service Changes & Advisories

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Major League Soccer:  
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Timbers, Apr 19, 7:00 PM  
Yankee Stadium

1 No trains between 96 St and 242 St

3 No trains between Franklin Av-New Lots Av

4 Lots Av-bound skip: 116, 110, 103, 96, 77, 68 and 51 Sts

- Woodlawn-bound skip: 23 St, 28 St and 33 St  
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- Pelham Bay Park-bound skip: 23 St, 28 St and 33 St  
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7 Vernon Blvd-Jackson Av: board at the Flushing-bound platform and at Times Sq-bound platform

A No trains between Rockaway Blvd and Lefferts Blvd

- Howard Beach/Far Rockaway-bound skip: 88 St  
- Ozone Park/Far Rockaway-bound platform at Rockaway Blvd: closed for renovation

D Monwood-bound: run via the from Stillwell Av to 36 St

- Norwood-bound skip: 155, 161, 162, 170 and 174-175 Sts

E Jamaica Center-bound: run express from Queens Plaza to 71 Av

- Jamaica Center-bound skip: 75 Av and Van Wyck Blvd

F Coney Island-bound: make local stops at 67 Av, 63 St, Woodhaven Blvd, Grand Av and Elmhurst Av

- Jamaica-bound skip 75 Av, Van Wyck Blvd and Sutphin Blvd

J Jamaica Center-bound skip Kosciuszko St, Gates Av, Halsey St and Chauncey St

L No trains between Lorimer St and 8 Av

M Service extended to the 57 St Station

Q 57 St-bound: run express from Kings Hwy to Prospect Park

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## 3 things you need to know

### Yemen VP hopes to avert Saudi invasion

Yemen's newly appointed Vice President Khaled Bahah, a widely respected figure named this week to shore up the legitimacy of the exiled, Saudi-backed government, said on Thursday he hoped to avert a Saudi-led invasion to restore unity to the country.

Arab military exercises planned for Saudi Arabia have raised speculation that Riyadh is considering land operations in Yemen.

REUTERS



### Man arrested who landed 'gyrocopter' near Capitol

A Florida man was arrested after he landed his small helicopter on the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, police said, violating restricted airspace and causing a security scare.

Doug Hughes, 61, a U.S. Postal Service mail carrier from Ruskin, Florida, has been jailed and is facing undisclosed charges after he flew his "gyrocopter" over Washington and landed on the Capitol grounds about 1:30 p.m., the U.S. Capitol Police said in a statement.

The Tampa Bay Times reported that Hughes planned to make the flight to draw attention to the issue of campaign finance reform.

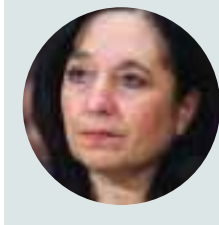
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### White House mum on DEA chief after sex parties

The White House sidestepped questions on Thursday about whether President Barack Obama retains confidence in DEA chief Michele Leonhart after an investigation found DEA agents took part in sex parties with prostitutes in Colombia.

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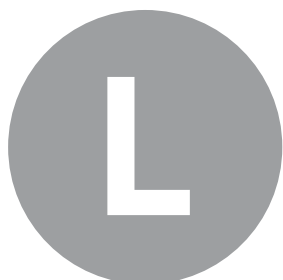


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**A F J M, M14A and free shuttle buses provide alternate service**

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**Weekend M service is extended to the 57 St F station\***

*Weeknight service changes are also in effect. Visit [mta.info](http://mta.info) for details.*

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- **A C** between 14 St-8 Av and Broadway Junction, where **L** service is available.
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# App could mean flake-free dating

**Slimdown.**  
'Tonight' app helps users streamline their potential dating choices.

Most dating apps and sites are riddled with flakes: Users don't want to even commit to a meeting, let alone a person.

A new dating app called Tonight, which launched Thursday, aims to revolutionize online dating and make it less

about chatting and flaking and more about meeting. Launched from dating site HowAboutWe, the app is trying to make online dating more productive and flake-free.

"We're bringing an entirely new experience to HowAboutWe," said CEO and co-founder Brian Schechter. "The central idea is that someone can say, 'I want to go out tonight,' and they can see users who also want to go out tonight. You can say which of them you're interested in going out with, and we match you

over text with one of them, and you can make plans."

Here's how the app works: Users get a "look book" of 20 people to like or not like, similar to Tinder or Hinge. Then, Tonight sets up the user with a "match" after both users like each other, but Tonight will only set users up with one match, even if there are several potential matches — it's about removing extra variables from the equation.

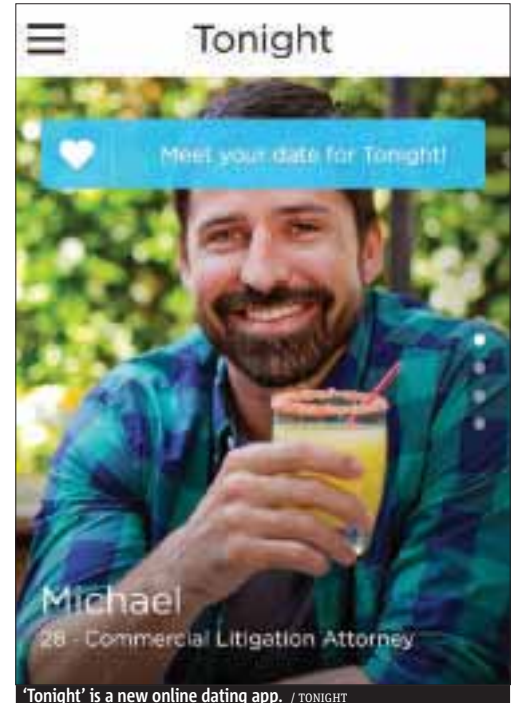
"One of the challenges of online dating is there's so much back-and-forth.

... We want an experience where, under five minutes, you can find a date tonight," said Schechter. "We're overloaded with choice, and that's the case of online dating, and we wanted to skip to the important part, which is the actual date, as quickly as possible."

The unique setup of Tonight means a couple of things: One, by logging into the app, the user has essentially announced that he or she is available to meet tonight, thus making it less acceptable to flake on the date, and two, the fact that Tonight gives users only one match means they don't have a dozen options to choose from. Basically, Tonight makes it more difficult for users to back out of a date.



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between both users' look books, which means that users will only see people who also see them in their look books.

Schechter called Tonight an "on-demand dating experience" and compared the service to a real-life matchmaker. "We're doing the work of the final match once users have said, 'Here are the people we're inter-

ested in,'" he said. "Who of these are you down with? We'll take care of the rest for you."

Schechter is also relaunching HowAboutWe to be free for mutual matches. Users who like and like each other back will be able to message each other free of charge — a change from HowAboutWe's old model, in which users had to pay.



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## 'Earth Day is a call to action'

In this exclusive, Ian Somerhalder says that to think globally, you have to act locally.



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Growing up in rural Louisiana, "The Vampire Diaries" star Ian Somerhalder and his family made a habit of living off the land. "My family taught me [there was] a balance between nature and humanity," he says. "You have to preserve the environment, or you can't live."

Respecting the environment has always been part of Somerhalder's lifestyle, and in 2010, the actor took his beliefs one step further and created his own environmental foundation. Last year, he was anointed Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Environmental Program. And now, he's teamed up with Metro to raise awareness about what we can do in our everyday lives to make a difference. Listen in on our conversation here.

**What issues in particular get you really heated**



"Every single thing I put into my shopping cart, I think about where it came from," Somerhalder tells us. GETTY IMAGES

**— things that you're frustrated people just don't understand?**

My greatest frustration is that, up until now, our government hasn't taken the steps that it should have to protect our environment, and it's caused such wild detriment. It sets a super bad example for the rest of the world. Money, politics and oil are inexplicably linked, and the environment falls secondary to these things — which in all actuality, it should be paramount.

*"The cool thing about New York City is that you feel like you're a part of something."*

SOMERHALDER

**How will this affect the economy in the future?**

If you want to talk economics, look at the true value of conservation versus doing nothing. You're looking at trillions upon trillions of dollars to make up for the droughts and the storms and all these things. Earth Day is not just a celebration of our beautiful [world], it's a call to action.

**Voting for political issues that affect the environment is one way people**

**Many complain organic food is expensive, but you did something about it.**

It breaks my heart that organic apples are more expensive than nonorganic apples. Good food is expensive — especially in New York — and that's not fair. That's exactly why I

started Thrive Market. It's a membership-based company that costs \$59 to join and provides access to wholesome, organic, non-GMO, thoughtful products in place of ones at Whole Foods that are too expensive. We sell items 25 to 30 percent less, and you get them directly delivered to your door. And for every order you place, an order goes to a family in need, one of the 29 million Americans who lack access to healthy, affordable foods. This is going to change the game, and I'm so excited.

**can make a difference, but what about little habits in our daily lives?**

There's a really great understanding that to think globally, you have to act locally. Think of all the power New York City is pumping out. What you need to realize is that you're part of a force. ... It's not the city that makes things move, it's you. Little things like turning off the lights, not wasting water and recycling save a ton of power and oil, especially in big cities. I just love the idea we have the power to make these changes.

**Does living a "greener" lifestyle affect how someone spends his or her**

**money?**

We have the most incredible power, and that's the power of the consumer. Every day, we go out and vote with our dollars. If you don't buy from companies who are not good stewards of the environment, on a local scale or global scale, they get the message.

**What about in your daily life? What are some steps you take every day in an effort to live a greener, cleaner life?**

Very much every single thing that I put into my shopping cart, I think about where it came from, how it was made, how it's packaged and how I can recycle the packaging.



# THE EARTH DAY GATEWAY

Expectations for global environmental summits between world governments are low, to say the least. For many years, few have expected anything groundbreaking to come out of global environmental talks and most people are really just hoping to avoid backsliding from commitments that were made in the past.

Because people are so checked out of the official process, people have turned their attention to all of the projects being undertaken at lower levels by individuals, NGOs, large and small businesses, community groups, local governments, and state governments. While we wait for those at the highest levels of government to take action on climate change and other

environmental issues, individuals and groups of all sizes are taking action on their own.

For many, the biggest takeaway lesson from recent global climate negotiations is that you do not have to wait for others to act because you can take positive steps in the right direction on your own or in concert with the millions of people and organizations who are also forging a positive path toward sustainability. The real value of some of these global environmental conferences therefore may be the connections formed between people from around the world working on their own projects and the lessons people can draw from one another's experiences.

Earth Day presents a

similar opportunity as it's the perfect gateway into the environmental movement. Like the global environmental conferences, it provides a time and place for people who are enthusiastic to make a difference to learn from one another and start moving forward together. People are eager to meld their values with every aspect of their lives, from their careers to their consumer habits. For that reason, Earth Day New York aims to connect people to the thousands of groups doing important environmental work. We, like many others, think that you can make every day Earth Day through thousands of small (and sometimes large) actions.

We still need national governments to act on climate change and other

environmental challenges. We will not reach real and lasting solutions until that happens. But let's not wait around for governments to act. Let's embrace the thousands of habits and actions which work to incorporate our values into our daily lives. Little by little, let's lead by example.

**John Oppermann,**  
executive director of  
Earth Day New York



Zipcar is one example of eco-friendly car-sharing. / GETTY IMAGES

## Quoted

**"I think it's a trend that's here to stay, and it's going to continue to grow. The more the concept is validated, the more it's going to be trusted."**

Hayes

## Ian says ...

These companies are giving people greener options. There's this incredible upswell of energy and effort that are going into concepts as simple as Airbnb.



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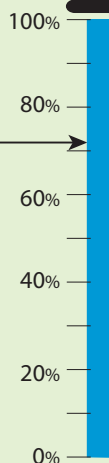
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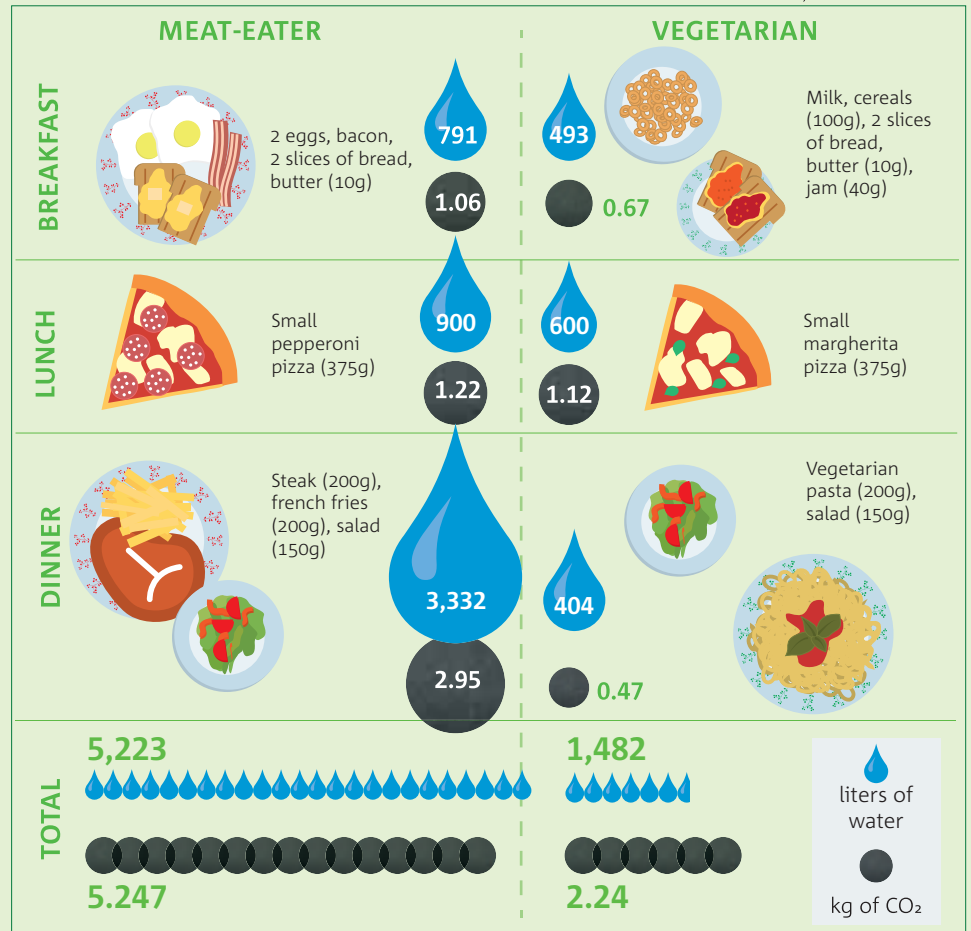


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## Sharing economy. People trying to be easier on environment

With the explosive and seemingly overnight success of companies and organizations like Zipcar, Lyft, Airbnb and Yerdle, the sharing economy is creating new packs of entrepreneurs all over the country.

Unlike traditional business models, the sharing economy is inherently more eco-friendly. At its core, the approach uses technology — specifically mobile apps — to offer up goods and services in a way that appears to be easier on the earth.

How so? According to a 2014 Entrepreneur report, the bulk of these organizations rely on smaller manufacturing and distribution costs, while curbing consumption at the same time.

For example, instead of driving to the mall to buy a new winter coat, why not use your iPhone to arrange an online sale?

The sharing economy is also bringing complete strangers together for shared experiences that require more than a little trust. A few years ago, the thought of letting a random person sleep in your spare bedroom was pretty much unheard of. Today, it fuels Airbnb's success.

Whether the environmental benefits were intended or not remains a question to some experts. "Zipcar is actually focused mostly on convenience and accessibility, but then the environmental piece became a piece that they recognized was going to

be a nice marketing push as well," says Richard Hayes, Ph.D., a professor of management and entrepreneurship at Hofstra University. "If you look at even the initial logo, they put the 'Z' in a green field because they recognized that there was going to be a very captive green audience."

In other words, environmental sustainability might just be a happy side effect of the sharing model. And with the increased interest in conscious capitalism and other do-good, eco-friendly business practices, it's no wonder the sharing economy is being embraced with open arms.

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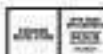
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Tatiana Maslany returns in your fave clone drama



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It's every actor's dream to earn endless critical acclaim for a performance, but few of them get it for multiple performances all in one show. That's all in a day's work for Tatiana Maslany, who has been feted by critics and fans alike for her two seasons of work as a series of clones on the hit "Orphan Black," which returns for a third season on Saturday. The show is proudly feminist and manages to be, at various points, a satire of suburbia, a con artist action show and a horror movie with religious undertones, a combination that has inspired a passionate online fan base who call themselves Clone Club. At the center of it all is Maslany, anchoring a group of women who are learning to be siblings but who are so different from each other, it's easy to forget they're played by one woman.

**You famously used different types of music to get into each clone character. Are you still doing that?**

It changes all the time. It's less precious to those playlists now. It's a bit more fluid. It's more what I'm listening to at that moment. I trust that character to live in my body a little more than I did in the first season and second season. The process of getting them is different. They also have met each other, and there's a lot of crossover in terms of who they are. Siblings tend to impact each other, so there's definitely less of a "you are this, and I am this." There's less of a differentiation.

**Will we see Sarah's nonclone family, Felix and Mrs. S, in conflict since S betrayed one of Sarah's clone sisters?**

We really start to flesh

# Seeing double

out Maria Doyle Kennedy's character in a huge way. Mrs. S's storyline is massive in this season, which is awesome because she's such a good actor and has such a cool energy on the show. We really get to explore her this season. She definitely has a lot more going on than you might expect on the surface.

**Will her lover pop up again?**

Oh, I won't say. I'll leave you guys wondering about that one.

**Last season introduced a group of male clones. Given that the show has explored so much related to women's issues, is there a concern about losing that focus now?**

I don't think they're mutually exclusive, by any means. They aid in the exploration. We don't explore feminism in the vacuum of feminism. We explore it in relation to the world and in relation to altering viewpoints. The truth of what our world is and how male-centric it can be and how women fight for the space that they take up in the world whereas men are given it. That is obviously a gross generalization, but in terms of exploring it, I think it really helps to have strong male characters to bounce strong female characters off of. It just adds to the exploration and strengthens it. And we, for sure, have maintained that sense of the women being at the center of the story and are still telling stories through that perspective.



**Sneak peek into the season**

**Last year saw the clones split up on different paths. Will we see that again?**

They're splintered again. It's exciting to see them in their own worlds and coming back together. They all have very separate lives, as much as they have come together. Cosima's sick and dealing with her mortality, so that's where her world picks up again, whereas Alison is in a loving relationship and very supported and yet they have this secret that they're hiding from everyone, which is that they've buried a body in their garage. So there's all these different things that they're contending with that are very separate.

**You're known for mastering new accents for the clones. Did you learn any for this season?**

I can't say if I do, because that would spoil things too much. But yeah, it is a clone show. Infer from that what you will! It's expanding; the world's definitely expanding.



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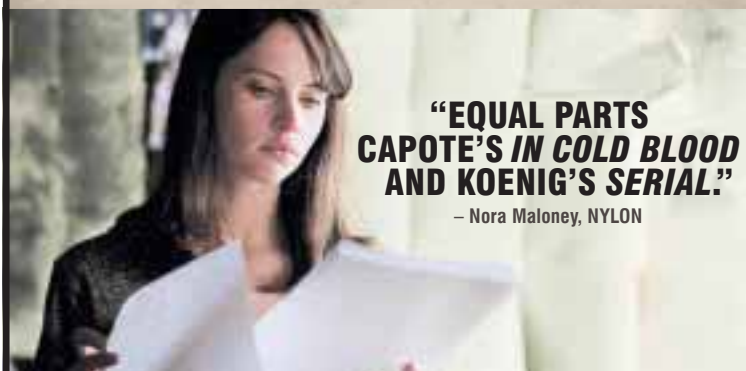
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# What to see at Tribeca this weekend

Docs on DJs and  
booze plus a bleak  
Greek dramedy are  
some fine bets.



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## 'As I Am'

The late DJ AM, aka Adam Michael Goldstein, was one of the first DJs to become a name, first with his skills, later with his habit of dating tabloid celebrities, (like Nicole Richie). The official doc on his life makes sure you see him more as an artist, and a person who struggled with drug addiction. His personal demons are handled with the right amount of empathy, understanding that once addiction hooks into someone it never, ever lets go, even in remission. Fri., 9:15 p.m., Regal Battery Park; Sat., 9:30 p.m., Bow Tie Cinemas

## 'The Birth of Sake'

Heavy on mood but hardly short on intel, this look at a 140-year-old Japanese brewery is a hushed and contemplative affair, over half of which is hypnotic stares at rice being raked

and liquid being heated. The job is monastic, forcing workers to spend half the year away from their families, much like shipworkers off on a long stint. That they're practicing a dying art doesn't help either; the number of breweries has dropped over the last century by over a fourth, and they worry that they may be dedicating their lives to a tradition that's on the way out, or simply dying a little bit more. Sat., 9:45 p.m., Bow Tie Cinemas

## 'Tom Swift and His Electric Rifle'

Sold as a definitely safe replacement for police firearms, the trusty taser might be more deadly than claimed by its makers, who in this cool-tempered advocacy doc are seen testily defending the very idea that their product may have been insufficiently tested. Documentarian Nick Berardini's side is never in doubt, but it's about something bigger than that, concerning the possible inevitability of police brutality and the way humankind regularly turns itself over to quickie solutions that make their exploiters millions. Sat., 5:30 p.m., Bow Tie Cinemas

## RiffTrax does 'The Room'

Movie mockers RiffTrax include members of "Mystery Science Theater 3000," who only did up a few films worse than "The Room," Tommy Wiseau's new bad cinema classic. Anyone who's ever watched it with people has lobbed their own cracks at the attempted drama, but these guys are professionals. Friday, 9:30 p.m., SVA Theatre

## 'Wednesday 04:45'

Most of the fiction films at Tribeca tend to be American, but among the handful of imports is this eccentric Greek thriller, which wallows in the fatalism of an Athens jazz club owner who's grouchy reluctant to sign off his bar to a Romanian gangster. The tone is only a couple shades darker than the comic one that fueled last year's Marky Mark remake of "The Gambler," teeming with a nasty sense of humor and sarcastically deployed songs. Fri., 8 p.m., Regal Battery Park; Sun., 9:30 p.m., Bow Tie Cinemas

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# Freida Pinto's gotta dance

The actress reflects on her new film and how acting with others is like dating.



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Freida Pinto is usually cast as a quiet beauty, there to support Dev Patel ("Slumdog Millionaire"), Henry Cavill ("Immortals") or James Franco ("Rise of the Planet of the Apes"). But in real life, she's a talker. And in "Desert Dancer," she shows off another talent: In the true story of Afshin Ghaffarian, she plays a fellow dancer in Iran working on a piece they have to hide from authorities lest they be arrested, or worse.

**The story attracted you, but what was it about Elaheh, your character, that intrigued you?**

Her extremes are partly very relatable to me. I always swing from zero to 100, in a second. For her, and for me, it's passion as well as fear: What if I'm not able to do this ever again? I feel so much pleasure acting right now that it scares me that I'll never feel this way again. So you let yourself go and think, "I don't want to feel it. I want to escape it." The more I watch this film, I keep finding new things about her. She keeps revealing new sides



Freida Pinto and Reece Ritchie get down as dancers trying to keep their art a secret in Iran in "Desert Dancer," now in theaters. RELATIVITY MEDIA

to me.

**How much of that comes from when you're shooting it?**

A lot of it comes from the reactions of your co-stars. You might be trying something, and then they react differently than you expected, then you react differently to that. In a way it's like dating: You don't know the person very well, but you're trying to get to

know them. You wait for their reaction so you can react appropriately. You can't sit in your room the night before and look in the mirror and think, "This is how I'm going to do it." The unknown is so intriguing.

**And in dating, part of you is acting anyway.**

You're completely acting! You're completely performing! [Laughs] You can't just be who you

are. You have to play the game. There's compromise. There's sacrifice, which is healthy sacrifice. There's ignoring things you don't want to react to. That's why actors who go on set and start acting are far less believable than actors who go on set and just are.

**Which one are you?**

I'm the latter. I can get to set and just be the character. Woody Allen once said

to me, "I don't know what to tell actors." [Laughs] ... He lets us do what we want to do. He says, "You should know what you have to do, and I shouldn't be telling you what you have to do."

## On fashion

Pinto is a fashion icon, but she doesn't think of herself that way. When asked about what trends she's looking forward to this spring, she doesn't really have an answer. "Honestly, I never follow trends. I'm not a trend follower any which way. I go with whatever I feel most comfortable in," she says, chuckling. "It's a terrible thing because everything says, 'Oh, she's a fashion icon, fashionista, whatever it is, so she should have an opinion.' And I say no. The fact is that it's my own personal style, and I do what I want to do."



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# Oscar Isaac: We're right to fear a robot uprising

The "Ex Machina" star has a lot to say about technology and the future.



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After earning acclaim for period pieces like "Inside Llewyn Davis" and "A Most Violent Year," Oscar Isaac is facing forward with the mind-bending new sci-fi indie "Ex Machina" — in which he plays a hermetic scientist trying to perfect artificial intelligence — and some other little film out later this year called "Star Wars:

The Force Awakens." But that doesn't mean he's optimistic about the future.

**Most stories about A.I. end badly. Why is that?**

I think, with history in general, the things we create we tend to lose control over. Like the Industrial Revolution: In a very short amount of time, we've done a lot of damage, like what's happening with the sea level rising, climate change — which is all real and is all happening. [Laughs] If that happens with stuff that's not self-aware, what would happen with things that are self-aware?

**Is there a point with modern tech advancements you can't quite get past, that makes you feel like a Luddite?**

I'm not a big social media person. It's not that interesting to me. I get why it can be a tool for promotion and a tool for coming together in protest — I get those aspects of it. But for me, I'm just not very interested in it.

**You've been doing pretty eclectic work across different genres and sizes of films. How do you pull that off?**



Oscar Isaac shows Domhnall Gleeson his cutting edge tech in "Ex Machina." A24 FILMS

It's just kind of luck, really. It hasn't been a huge calculation.

From the get-go, I've been able to get a lot of things that are quite different from one another. And now, it's a very privileged place to be where there are a few things that are fantastic that I could choose from, and now it gets a little trickier.

**So, the amazing dance sequence in the movie: How many takes?**

Thank you. It was a lot of choreography. We had a choreographer the whole time — which was great that we had that, showing us those disco moves. And it

was twice as long originally, but I think he cut it at the right place. It's my favorite cut in the movie, from the dance to the slapping in the head. Very funny.

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# 5 sequels as unwanted as 'Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2'

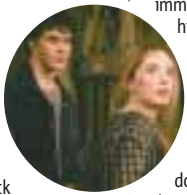
Five years ago, humanity was gifted with the accidental hit "Paul Blart: Mall Cop," a flat, laugh-free, dim-bulb wallow in "fat guy" humor starring real-life nice guy Kevin James. There were no critics' screenings for its belated sequel — a strong sign it belongs with these sorry follow-ups. **CHRIS ALEXANDER**



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## 'An American Werewolf in Paris'

John Landis' 1981 classic "An American Werewolf in London" is a fascinating horror/comedy hybrid full of stark terror, imagination, eroticism and heart, as well as revolutionary Rick Baker-designed make-up gags. This limp, belated and virtually unrelated sequel has none of these qualities, armed as it is with a chemistry-free cast, shoddy digital effects and no atmosphere whatsoever.



## 'Grease 2'

The original "Grease" was based on a beloved musical and the film was and remains an immaculate confection, with high-energy, endlessly singable tunes, John Travolta in peak form and groovy dance numbers. The woefully inept, Travolta-free, "Grease 2" has a young Michelle Pfeiffer doing her best to work through songs about how awesome bowling is. She can't.



## 'Staying Alive'

Travolta may have sat "Grease 2" out, but he showed up for director Sylvester Stallone's wildly awful follow-up to "Saturday Night Fever." In it, Travolta's macho doofus Tony Manero is still strutting around NYC, but this time he's gunning for his Broadway break. Said break is an operatic dance number called "Satan's Alley" that is perhaps the most bloated and ridiculous spectacle you'll ever see. Stallone's brother Frank wrote the music. 'Nuff said.



## 'Exorcist II: The Heretic'

Look, you cannot improve upon William Friedkin's landmark 1973 shocker. Everyone knows this — everyone except Warner Bros., who hired director John Boorman and actor Richard Burton to make this epic and awful follow-up that defies all comprehension. Great Ennio Morricone score, though ...



## 'The Pink Panther 2'



I'm confident that Peter Sellers is still doing jumping jacks in his grave because of this embarrassing fiasco, which sees Steve Martin once more insulting the memory of Sellers' patented Inspector Clouseau from the original, classic (and funny!) "Pink Panther" films. And as bad as Martin is here, the direction and criminal waste of a great supporting cast is far worse. The scene in which Martin and French legend Jean Reno dance around the kitchen singing "Jojoba" will have you pining for the comedic heights of "Paul Blart."

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# 'Unfriended' deserves to get some likes



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A group of high schoolers hanging out on Skype find themselves bugged by a mystery person who claims to be their dead friend who killed herself a year before to the day. This ghost proceeds to mess with their computers, reveal their dark secrets and eventually drive them to a horrid death. And the whole thing takes place on one of their computers.

**The lowdown:** "Unfriended" is so-so as a ghost movie, pretty good as desktop cinema but fearless as a critique of digital technology and its effects, especially on a generation who've never lived without it. It hates millennials so much it could have been made by Ben Stiller's documentarian in "While We're Young." Its characters are high schoolers who hang out but only while staring at screens in isolation. Like "Open Windows," last year's Elijah Wood-starring com-



## 'Unfriended'

Director: Levan Gabriadze  
Stars: Shelley Hennig, Moses Jacob Storm  
Rating: R



puter screen thriller, it goes deeper than mere suspense. Where that film played with the lack of trust that comes with



"Unfriended" is a horror film that unfolds entirely on one person's computer. UNIVERSAL PICTURES

easily manipulated digital images, "Unfriended" puts the onus on users themselves. The young characters here revel in how modern tech both encourages their worst, most base behaviors while allowing them to cover up transgressions via their carefully sculpted online personas. They're sociopaths, but they're also entirely recognizable as everyperson teenagers.

"Unfriended" is still a stupid ghost movie, and its actors eventually go from goofballs to, when

stuff really hits the fan, drama school over-emoters, screaming simultaneously for a seriously mute-worthy din. But it's also unusually relentless and tough, ditching the ghost movie's typical convoluted mission to tame or banish the evil spirit. There's nothing to stop it.

But the real violation of the characters is their control over their gizmos. The sudden unavailability of certain functions on Facebook and Gmail may be silly as scares, but they hit at the anxiety of

not being able to man the machine that dominates modern life.

It even plays with the interminable spinning rainbow wheel that plagues Apple users, because this is a film as much about spooks as it is about jokes. It has a sense of humor, and director Levan Gabriadze wants to milk as much as he can from online life. Movies that sate both chatting Saturday night audiences and grad students looking for a robust paper are rare, so cherish it.



Hadas Yaron and Luzer Twersky work out marital problems in "Felix & Meira." OSCILLOSCOPE LABORATORIES

## 'Felix & Meira'

Director: Maxime Giroux  
Stars: Hadas Yaron, Martin Dubreuil  
Rating: R



"Fill the Void" star Hadas Yaron plays another Orthodox Jewish woman involved in the struggle between romance and tradition. This time, she's a shy, underloved Montreal wife and mother who considers leaving her stern but fragile husband (Luzer Twersky) upon being swept off her feet by a charming single (and secular) guy (Martin Dubreuil).

**The lowdown:** At first blush, and for at least half of its length, "Felix & Meira" looks more simple than it is. Yaron's

Meira is a woman in an oppressive community, with a killjoy of a spouse who won't even let her listen to old R&B songs, whose passions are awakened by a dashing suitor who shows her a new way of living.

But halfway through, we're reminded that things are a bit more complex than we likely thought. Her husband proves to be less a baddie to be felled than collateral damage — someone taught from birth to seek a narrow life only to have it blow up in his face. At the same time, the film wholly endorses Meira's decision to pursue her emotions. The clash of cultures is matched by a clash of tones, drama and even comedy, intermingling into something productive, wise and, in its finale, satisfyingly unsatisfying, much like life itself. MATT PRIGGE

## 'True Story'

Director: Rupert Goold  
Stars: Jonah Hill, James Franco  
Rating: R



Jonah Hill plays Michael Finkel, a disgraced New York Times journalist who wound up working on a book about Christian Longo (James Franco), an alleged murderer who was nabbed while pretending to be Finkel. The two meet for sessions, and Finkel starts to suspect that Longo, who pleads his innocence, may be preying on his gullibility.

**The lowdown:** It's not a mere stunt that Hill and Franco — two Apatow kids who have only worked together in comedies — are playing serious. Hill tends to interpret

dramatic acting as playing quiet and shy, and though he largely communicates through whispered line readings and rarely shutting his jaw, the approach brings an opacity to a character we shouldn't be able to get a read on. That goes exponentially more for Longo, played with a clipped stillness that ping-pongs between on-the-level decency and full-on creepiness, all without Franco changing up a thing.

Their meetings are riots of minimalist acting, speaking volumes with very little at all. But it's pretty clear what "True Story" is getting at, and what that is is reductive and self-satisfied. The true story itself is almost assuredly more complex, but even if it weren't, "True Story" would still feel pat and thin, swelling up like a balloon in its middle section before shrinking to a nub by its end. MATT PRIGGE



In "True Story," Jonah Hill and James Franco see who can be more cagey and serious. FOX SEARCHLIGHT

## 'Child 44'

Director: Daniel Espinosa  
Stars: Tom Hardy, Noomi Rapace  
Rating: R



Based on the first in a trilogy of crime novels set in the Stalin-era Soviet Union, "Child 44" pits a badass agent (Tom Hardy) against a colleague/nemesis (Joel Kinnaman) who wants to destroy his life, while at the same time, he hunts down a mysterious man who's been killing kids.

**The lowdown:** Only one film so far has truly known what to do with Tom Hardy. Nicolas Winding Refn's "Bronson" is a perfect star-director-material union — an outlandish, garish and gaudy art-film monstrosity that made the most of Hardy's suspiciously alien screen presence. You can sense his power, perhaps even more so, in clunkers like "Child 44," which has no idea how to use him and which only makes a half-hearted attempt to rein him. There's a lot of class to go around here: It was written by the great novelist Richard Price, and in addition to Hardy, it makes room for Noomi Rapace (as his wife), Gary Oldman, Paddy Considine and a one-scene easy paycheck for Charles



Tom Hardy gives good Stalin-era Soviet agent in the not good thriller "Child 44." SUMMIT ENTERTAINMENT

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Alas, "Child 44" is really trash, and muddled, pretentious and joyless trash to boot. Whatever happened to Price's script, if anything, has been cobbled together by director Daniel Espinosa ("Easy Money," "Safe House") into a clumsy slog that stumbles from one subplot to another. It only comes alive when Hardy is beating or stabbing people, and even then it feels over-determined: A knife-fight-cum-escape from a Gulag-bound train is left field in its bloodiness, but that's all Espinosa seems to know how to film. Its only enjoyment comes from watching and especially listening to Hardy, who treats his Russian accent to his usual singsong line readings, muttering his way through dialogue that would be forgettable coming from any other mouth. If "Child 44" has any reason to exist, it's so hungry Hardy completists have something, anything, else to chew on.

MATT PRIGGE



## Horoscope

**♈ Aries | March 21-April 20**  
Get rid of any negative thoughts, and let your intuition guide you in a positive direction. Forgive yourself for past mistakes.

**♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21**  
Trying to get information from others will cause problems. Ferret out whatever data you deem necessary on your own steam in order to bypass aggravation.

**♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20**  
Positive change is imminent. You will have the energy and stamina to fulfill all of your tasks. Think of a way to lower your stress.

**♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22**  
Attending classes or improving your job prospects would be a step in the right direction. Make sure that you are totally committed.

**♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22**  
Determine how you can benefit from the situation that has developed. Open discussion will help you figure out the next step.

**♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22**  
Financial matters will prey on your mind. Reduce your spending and set a strict but realistic budget. Putting in overtime will be an important step.

**♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22**  
Promote and market yourself. Your hard work won't be rewarded unless others know what you have to offer.

**♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21**  
Collaboration in the face of physical and mental challenges will help you get to know your business associates. Present your skills in a fun manner.

**♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21**  
Avoid insecurity by improving your self-image. Try getting a new hairdo or outfit, and set up a fitness routine.

**♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20**  
Unexpected developments will throw your plans off course. Someone with an ulterior motive will try to discredit you.

**♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18**  
Your impressive insight into trends will not go unnoticed. Nourish a current relationship by sharing your ideas and dreams.

**♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20**  
Get your responsibilities taken care of before you socialize. Put any past problems to rest before starting something new.  
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## Letters to the editor

## Murderers often spared

**Re: 'More than emotions apply to penalty decision' (Metro, April 15)** I can certainly understand letter writer Lee Keith's condemnation of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's terrorism and his eagerness to see him punished. But I don't think that I can agree with Mr. Keith that Tsarnaev should receive the death penalty. After all, Gerry Adams, Yasser Arafat, Yitzhak Shamir, Menachem Begin, Martin McGuinness, and the members of the Ulster Defence Association all killed people through terrorism. But none of them received the death penalty. Is Tsarnaev really all that different from all of them?

**JOHN FRANCIS FOX,  
VIA EMAIL**

## Don't expect remorse from bomber

**Re: 'Tsarnaev had a choice — his victims didn't' (Metro, April 16)** Why should we expect any word of remorse if Tsarnaev believed he was doing God's will? The Tsarnaev brothers learned their religion of hate online and from the elder brother's radicalization in Chechnya. Tsarnaev may be guilty of terrible acts, but the greater problem is the radical religious views that also drive al Qaeda, al Shabaab, ISIS, Boko Haram, the Taliban, etc. All the major religions of this world need to examine and reform themselves from time to time if they are to remain relevant.

**GEORGE CHRISTIAN JR.**

## Sudoku: Easy and hard

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## How to play

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Crossword

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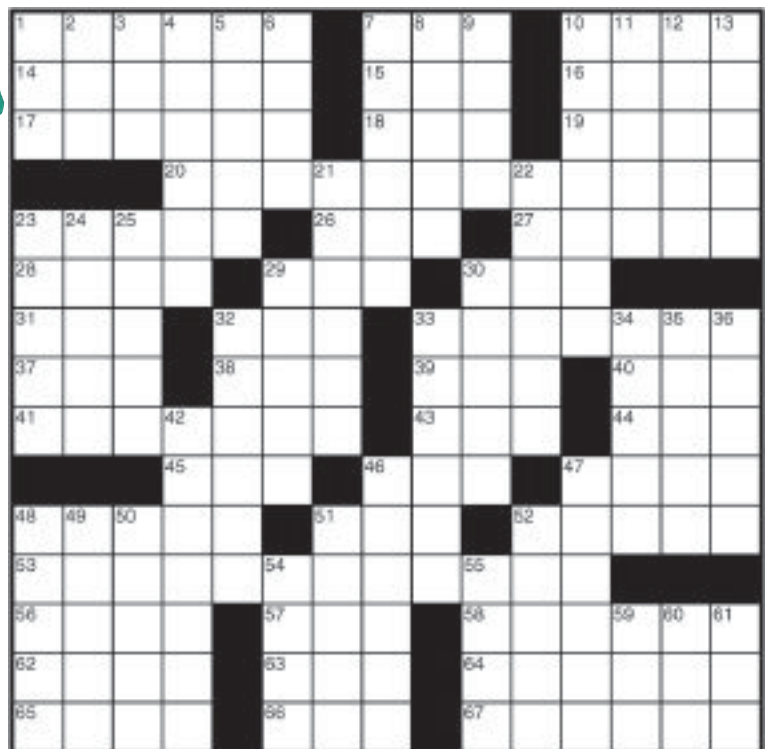
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- 10 Ring around the moon
- 14 Double-check
- 15 Untold centuries
- 16 Finished
- 17 Road divider
- 18 Bearskin, maybe
- 19 Heroic tale
- 20 Luxury item
- 23 Stranger
- 26 Hawaii's Mauna —
- 27 Cheers
- 28 Cattle mover
- 29 Prospect for gold
- 30 The works
- 31 Catch for speeding
- 32 Knock-knock joke
- 33 Enjoyed a puddle
- 37 Pierre's here
- 38 Airport code for O'Hare
- 39 Sweetie-pie
- 40 Boxer called "The Greatest"
- 41 Forces
- 43 Hosp. workers
- 44 Admin. head
- 45 Mamie's man
- 46 Leo mo.
- 47 — Nui (Easter Island)
- 48 Tequila cactus
- 51 End up ahead
- 52 Dangerous woman

## Down

- 53 Restaurant nicety (2 wds.)
- 56 Coup d'—
- 57 Banff prov.
- 58 Trinket stealer
- 62 Chariot race locale
- 63 Snake River loc.
- 64 Fluffs feathers
- 65 Beat a path
- 66 Captain's journal
- 67 Taxicabs, mostly
- 30 Moving right —
- 32 Pool table part
- 33 Drew up
- 34 Snert's master
- 35 Split to join
- 36 Couch
- 42 Fastened
- 46 Car safety device (2 wds.)
- 47 Outfitted
- 48 Ward off
- 49 Swamp critter
- 50 Historic shrine
- 51 Hider in kids' books
- 52 Simple trap
- 54 Water carrier
- 55 Rascals
- 59 Potpie veggie
- 60 Wayfarer's refuge
- 61 Superman's emblem

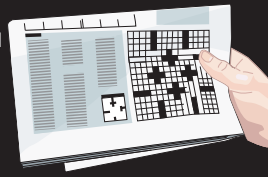


## Thursday's answer



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# NBA playoffs preview

**NBA.** LeBron looks to bring the Cavaliers back to the Finals while Tim Duncan looks for one last ring.

The NBA postseason is one of the more grueling events in sports, as there are a maximum of four rounds and, for two lucky teams, it can last over two months.

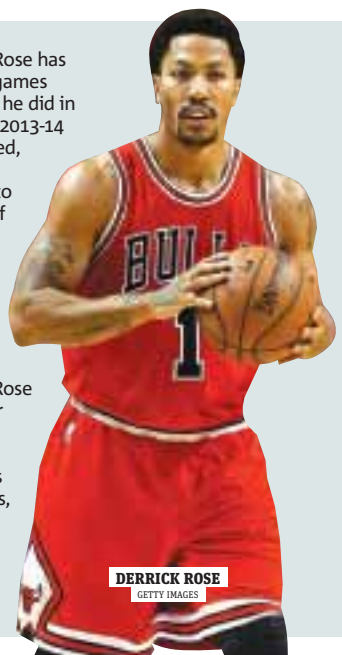
Metro presents a look at key matchups, a budding star waiting to be discovered, and the survivors in the Eastern and Western Conferences, respectively.

TONY WILLIAMS  
and MATT BURKE

## Team firmly on upset alert

When it comes to the Western Conference, there are really no upsets to be had, as aside from the top-seeded Golden State Warriors, the teams seeded 2 through 6 were separated by just one game — meaning if a fifth or lower seed wins, it shouldn't be too big of a shock. The Eastern Conference, however, is filled with upstarts who aren't afraid of the Big 2: the top-seeded Hawks and second-seeded Cavaliers. The Bulls should be weary of a young and talented team like Milwaukee, led by head coach Jason Kidd — who is no stranger to playoff

battles. Derrick Rose has played in more games this season than he did in the 2011-12 and 2013-14 seasons combined, but that doesn't mean he's back to being the type of player who can will his team to a playoff series victory. In the five games since he returned from injury this year, Rose popped for 20 or more points just once. He should be lauded for his comeback efforts, but in the cruel reality of the playoffs, Milwaukee should take advantage.



DERRICK ROSE  
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NBA

## Nets ready for Atlanta

The Hawks showed some vulnerability down the stretch of the regular season, particularly when they endured a three-game losing streak in March — something that rarely occurs for an NBA championship-caliber team. The team is also reeling from the loss of Thabo Sefolosha, who will not return for the Hawks' postseason run after suffering a broken tibia following a stabbing outside of a NYC club earlier this month. Odd enough, the Hawks were in town to play the Nets when the incident occurred.

Atlanta beat the Nets, 114-111, at Barclays on April 8 and blasted Brooklyn, 131-99, in Atlanta back on April 4.

It was a battle of the big men in the most recent meeting as Hawks center Al Horford pumped in 24 points and Brook Lopez countered with a game-high 26. Atlanta's guard play was much better that night, however, as Jeff Teague recorded a double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

The Nets and Hawks begin their best-of-seven-game series Sunday in Atlanta (5:30 p.m., TNT). **MATT BURKE**



LeBron James is averaging 25.3 points per game this season. / GETTY IMAGES

## Conference predictions

The NBA is and always will be an "old man's league," where experience and championship pedigree matter almost as much, if not more, than talent. The reigning champ Spurs have the experience, pedigree and youth in the right places to hold off the Warriors' coronation. In the East, LeBron James and Co. have gelled at the right time. They've made the necessary moves to strengthen their starting five and the bench. The Hawks? A lack of experience may bite them.

## The champs are here

The one thing that has eluded Tim Duncan is back-to-back titles. This may be the year. Kawhi Leonard showed last June in winning the Finals MVP that he's not afraid to defend and stifle James. Duncan owns a Finals MVP. And so does point guard Tony Parker, who just may be the most underrated all-time great at his position. Add in four-time champ Manu Ginobili and a supporting cast that executes to perfection and it's hard to see the Cavs beating the Spurs in the Finals.



Tim Duncan is seeking his sixth NBA championship at age 38. / GETTY IMAGES

NHL

## Rangers edge Pens in Game 1

Madison Square Garden was a madhouse in Game 1 of the best-of-seven series between the Rangers and Penguins from the initial drop of the puck, to Derick Brassard's goal 28 seconds into the affair, right through until Henrik Lundqvist deflected a last-ditch Sidney Crosby shot Thursday night.

Despite a narrow advantage throughout, the Rangers played worthy of their No. 1 seed in their first



Derick Brassard scored 28 seconds into Game 1. / GETTY IMAGES

2015 postseason game, dumping Pittsburgh, 2-1.

It was a huge positive for the Blueshirts that they handled their scoring duties early, because Pittsburgh's Marc-Andre Fleury was a beast for the latter-half of Game 1. Fleury made 36 saves on the night as only Brassard and Ryan McDonagh were able to solve the Canadian netminder. McDonagh's goal came on a power play late in the first period with Keith Yandle and Mats Zuccarello assisting. Rick Nash and Dan Girardi assisted on

Brassard's adrenaline-rush of a score.

The Penguins did make Rangers fans sweat right until the end, however, as Blake Comeau popped in a rebound with Maxim Lapierre clearing space in front of the net at the 6:15 mark of the second period.

Other than that, Lundqvist was clean, deflecting 24 Pittsburgh shots.

Game 2 of Rangers-Penguins will be a Saturday night prime time affair (8 p.m., NBC). The series shifts to Pittsburgh for Game 3 Monday. **MATT BURKE**

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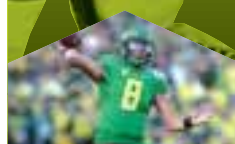
## SPORTS



NHL

## Isles look to go up 2-0

The Islanders squandered home ice advantage at the end of their regular season, but they snatched it right back with a 4-1 win Wednesday to start their trek for Lord Stanley's Cup. In Game 2 Friday, they'll hope for a similar offensive output against the typically solid Braden Holtby, tending goal for Washington. The Isles will also look to once again silence Alex Ovechkin, who led the league in goals with 53 but had eight shots turned away at the net in Game 1. The puck drops at 7 p.m. Friday before the series shifts to Long Island for Sunday's noon start.



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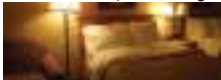
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